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Deutsch et al.
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REMARKS

Applicants herein respond to the outstanding Office action.

The Claims Are Novel And Nonobvious Over The Cited Reference

Respectfully, Applicants are puzzled over the Examiner's rejection of the previously allowed claims 14-26 in view of the reference by Newcomb *et al.*

Applicants point out that claim 14, the only pending independent claim, recites a toy having a housing which comprises a fluorescent composition responsive to UV light. In addition, claim 14 recites a light source capable of generating sufficient UV light for exciting the fluorescent composition in the housing to fluoresce.

An electronic search of the text of the Newcomb *et al.* reference reveals that the reference does not describe or even suggest the use of a fluorescent composition in the housing, nor the use of a light source capable of generating UV light so as to excite the fluorescent composition to fluoresce. Accordingly, Newcomb *et al.* neither anticipate nor make the claimed invention obvious.

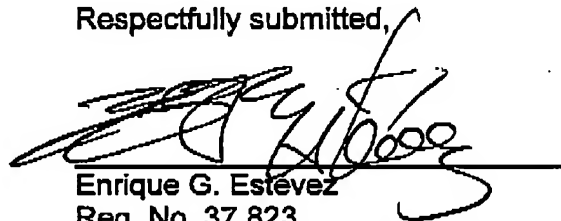
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner explain specifically how the Newcomb *et al.* reference anticipates the claimed invention, and how the reference makes the invention obvious, when the reference lacks at least those two elements of the invention.

Lacking such an explanation, Applicants assert that the Office action does not establish anticipation of the claims, nor a *prima facie* case of obviousness against the pending claims. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the pending claims.

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If the further prosecution can be facilitated through a telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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